

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Pumpkin Festival Set for September 19–20

The second annual City of Romulus Pumpkin Festival will be held in downtown Romulus (Godard Road between Olive Street and the railroad tracks east of Shook Road) on Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20. A variety of entertainment, contests, games, and crafts will be featured. For a schedule of events, please see page 7.

### Church Plans Fete To Coincide with Festival

Romulus Wesleyan Church, located at Five Points in downtown Romulus, will host "Shoot for the Goal" (an afternoon of free family fun) at Mary Ann Banks Park on Saturday, September 19, to coincide with the City of Romulus Pumpkin Festival.

Highlighting the day's activities will be roller-blade hockey tournaments in which teams of five players ("walk-in players" are welcome) will compete for first- and second-place prizes in three age divisions (five to 10, 11 to 15, and 16+). Hockey registrations will be accepted from 12 to 1 p.m.; tournament play – as well as children's games, other attractions, and refreshments – will continue from 1 to 6 p.m.

### Attention, Crafters!

Under the leadership of advisor Rosalie Berlinn, members of Romulus High School's Class of 2002 will host a craft show at the school on Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to raise money for their class treasury.

"Past craft shows, which were presented by the Class of 1998, were well attended," says Berlinn. "We hope that the community will continue its support of Romulus students by coming out for this one, as well."

Space (\$25; includes table) is still available to crafters who would like to participate. For information, call the High School (941-2170) and speak to Berlinn (ext. 162) or Lynne Cadden (ext. 149). □

## Judicial Candidates Announce Endorsements

With the race between 34th District Court judicial candidates Norman C. Kohlstrand and Brian A. Oakley beginning to heat up, both men have been working hard to recruit endorsements from public figures, prominent business leaders, labor organizations, and local citizens.

Oakley, a Romulus attorney, has received strong support from many elected officials who represent communities within the 34th District Court's jurisdiction. They include Romulus City Councilmen LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Donald Morris, and Michael Prybyla; Romulus Board of Education Secretary Michael Woods, Treasurer Kenneth E. Berlinn, and Trustee Eva Webb; State Senator Loren Bennett (8th Senate District); State Representative Raymond E. Basham (22nd House District); retiring 34th District Court Judge Henry Zaborowski; Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hara; and Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

"Brian is a great example of what we need more of: young people willing to get involved for the betterment of our communities," said McNamara. "He is a hard worker, and continues to prove his commitment to the people of his area."

Oakley also is supported by organi-

zations such as the Romulus Police Officers Association, as well as a number of district and circuit court judges and Metro-area attorneys.

Kohlstrand, an attorney who resides in Huron Township, is a former employee of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Among the endorsements of which he is most proud is that of Sheriff Robert A. Ficano, who expressed his belief that Kohlstrand's experiences as a Vietnam veteran, law-enforcement officer, and litigator give him "the background to be an excellent jurist." Ficano also noted that, as a former police officer, Kohlstrand is well aware of the toll that crime exacts upon its victims and their communities.

Kohlstrand has the backing of a number of labor and other organizations, including the Metropolitan Detroit Area branch of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Union, the Michigan Federation of Teachers, and the Michigan Police Legislative Coalition.

Other elected officials supporting Kohlstrand include State Representative George Mans (23rd House District) and Romulus Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.



Among many elected officials giving their endorsement to 34th District Court judicial candidate Brian A. Oakley (right) is Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara (left).

To obtain more information about the candidates, voters can call their campaign headquarters (Kohlstrand at 734-654-3370; Oakley at 734-941-4296) or watch future issues of *The Romulus News* for candidate profiles. □

## Local Teachers Begin New Year Well Prepared

Although the Romulus Community Schools 1998–1999 school year did not begin until September 9, a number of the District's teachers got a head start by attending a three-day workshop in late August/early September to prepare for the arrival of their students.

Barth Elementary School Principal Jeffery Royal was pleased with her school's preparatory program, which was similar to others conducted in the other seven buildings in the District.

"The fact that many teachers reported one week before school officially started demonstrates their dedication," Royal said.

In the workshops, teachers worked with their school's learning specialist, social worker, and resource teacher under the direction of the principal. All staff members reviewed technology resources, examined initiatives, discussed curriculum alignment, reviewed District standards and benchmarks, and determined common goals for the year. □



(From left) Mary Ann Bush, Learning Specialist at Barth Elementary School, works with Principal Jeffery Royal to prepare a three-day teacher in-service program.

## Letters to the Editor

### Budget Director: Fieger Statement Is "Untrue"

Dear Editor:

I have received numerous inquiries as to the actual total of the state's budget. I would like to clarify some of the inaccurate information that is being discussed in the media.

In the Thursday, June 11, 1998 edition of *The Detroit News*, Michigan gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey Fieger was quoted as saying, "The federal government says we have \$35 billion. Mr. Engler's budget shows revenues of \$21.5 billion. That's a difference of \$14.5 billion. Maybe it's going out the back door. Maybe it's not even showing up in our budget."

His statement is untrue and unnecessarily inflammatory.

Let me set the record straight: the total state budget for fiscal year 1999 is \$32 billion, not \$21.5 or \$35 billion. The entire \$32 billion is appropriated by the Legislature. The budget process is conducted in full view of the public, debated openly by the Legislature, and covered extensively by the media.

These figures can be confirmed by the state Treasurer, the nonpartisan Legislative Auditor General, the bipartisan Legislature, the nonpartisan Fiscal offices, and the civil servants who work in the state agency budget and accounting offices—all of whom are knowledgeable of and accountable for the state's budget. Mr. Fieger's suggestions of improprieties within state government are not only ridiculous, but also insulting to hard-working state employees who work without political bias.

Sincerely,  
Mary A. Lannoye  
State Budget Director

### Police Remind Motorists To Obey Bus Signals

To the Editor:

With the opening of local schools, the Romulus Police Department would like to remind motorists that Michigan law dictates that all motor vehicles must come to a full and complete stop when meeting or overtaking a school bus which has stopped and is displaying two alternatively flashing red signals.

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Sincerely,  
Executive Lieutenant Eric D. Painter  
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### RMS Leadership Club Worked for Community



Congratulations on a job well done to the 1997-1998 Romulus Middle School Leadership Club, which spent last school year working on a number of projects to benefit others, including: helping out with senior-citizen programs, collecting 3,000 canned goods for the area's hungry, and raising more than \$3,000 for a number of worthy causes.

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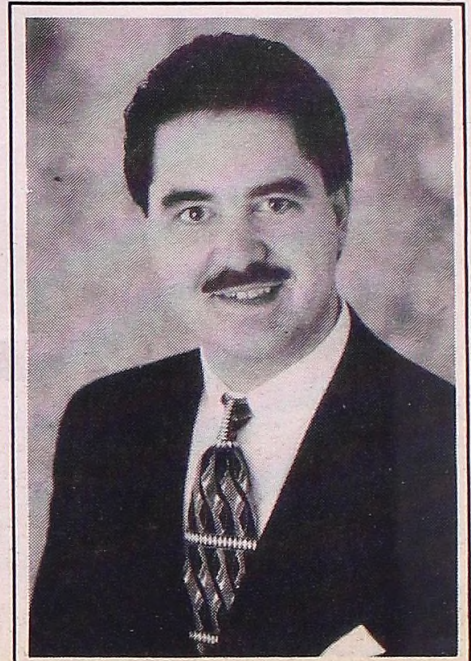
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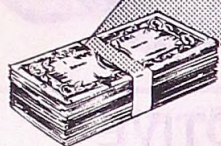
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Now that the lazy days of summer are behind us, many people are looking for new interests and activities to keep them busy this fall. To that end, we offer some suggestions about some entertaining opportunities in and around the City of Romulus.

### Road Rally

Romulus Little League Baseball and Romulus High School Baseball will co-sponsor a Road Rally on Saturday, September 19, as a fund-raiser to benefit the two programs.

The event will begin with a 5:30 p.m. orientation meeting at the Romulus Recreation building (36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus), where participants will learn the rules of the game. Then, teams of two to six people per car will go on a sort of scavenger hunt throughout the City. Using a variety of "investigative tools" (such as a telephone directory, a daily newspaper, flashlights, and a guide to Morse code), participants will attempt to be the first to solve a series of clues and arrive at the Rally's ultimate destination. Prizes will be awarded to the first three cars to return with evidence (in the form of photos taken by an instant-type camera) proving that all clues were correctly solved.

As a memento of the event, all participants will receive an attractive seat cushion with a baseball emblem designed by Todd Patterson. The cushions were purchased with funds donated by Bizarre Buttons & Stuff, Inc.; Evans Electric; Johnston Lithograph, Inc.; and 34th District Court judicial candidate Brian A. Oakley.

Registrations for the Road Rally will be accepted at the Recreation office through 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 19. Cost is \$10 per person for all who register by Friday, September 18; \$15 per person for those who register the day of the event.

For more information, contact Keith Brothers, Head Coach for the Romulus High School baseball program, at the Recreation office (942-6852).

### Alumni Baseball Game

Former Romulus High School students of all ages are invited to take part in the fourth annual Romulus High School Alumni Baseball Game fund raiser, set for Saturday, October 10, at Charley Lau Memorial Field (located behind the High School).

The afternoon will begin with a Home Run Derby at 12:30 p.m., followed by a game at 1 p.m. Players will be divided into teams according to their year of graduation, with "odds" on one team, "evens" on the other. (The "odds" lead the series, two to one.) All players will receive an alumni game shirt, thanks to a generous donation from Leonardo's Ristorante, located on Merriman Road in Romulus.

After the game, the Coaching Staff is inviting participants to bring their families to Leonardo's to enjoy food and beverages, and to reminisce with their old classmates and former teammates.

Anyone who would like to register for the Romulus High School Alumni Baseball Game should contact either Marge Bergman (941-0272) or Keith Brothers (942-6852). Cost is \$25 per person for the game, with an additional \$5 charge for those who want to take part in the Home Run Derby.

### Hobby/How-to Classes

Romulus/Van Buren Adult and Community Education is conducting a variety of hobby and how-to classes for area residents this fall. These courses, which vary in length and cost, cover subjects such as:

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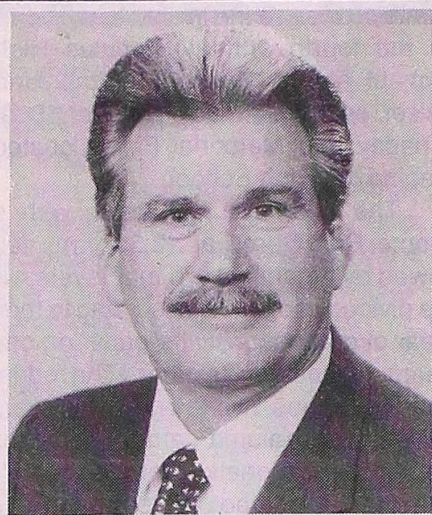
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## Romulus, Wayne County Receive Anti-Drug Grants



Representative Ray Basham

State Representative Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) recently announced that four antidrug programs in Romulus and Wayne County have been awarded grants by the State of Michigan.

"The four programs cover all areas of drug enforcement, from trying to reach kids in schools to prosecuting drug dealers," said Basham. "I am pleased that the State has provided financial support to get drugs out of our communities."

The organizations receiving grants from the Office of Drug Control Policy include:

- **34th District Court, Romulus:** The \$38,547 grant will be used to test defendants and those on probation for drugs and alcohol. It also will cover a 12-step program for drug and alcohol offenders.
- **City of Romulus:** This \$28,228 grant will fund a full-time School Liaison Officer in the High School.
- **DRANO (Downriver Area Narcotics Organization):** The DRANO task force has received a \$192,809 grant to target drug dealers in southern Wayne County.
- **Wayne County, DRANO, and WWN (Western Wayne Narcotics) Programs:** These three organizations, which work together to prosecute drug offenders, have received a \$170,678 grant for the prosecution program. □

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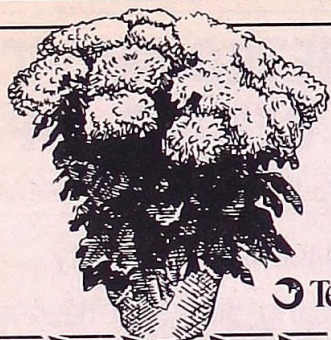
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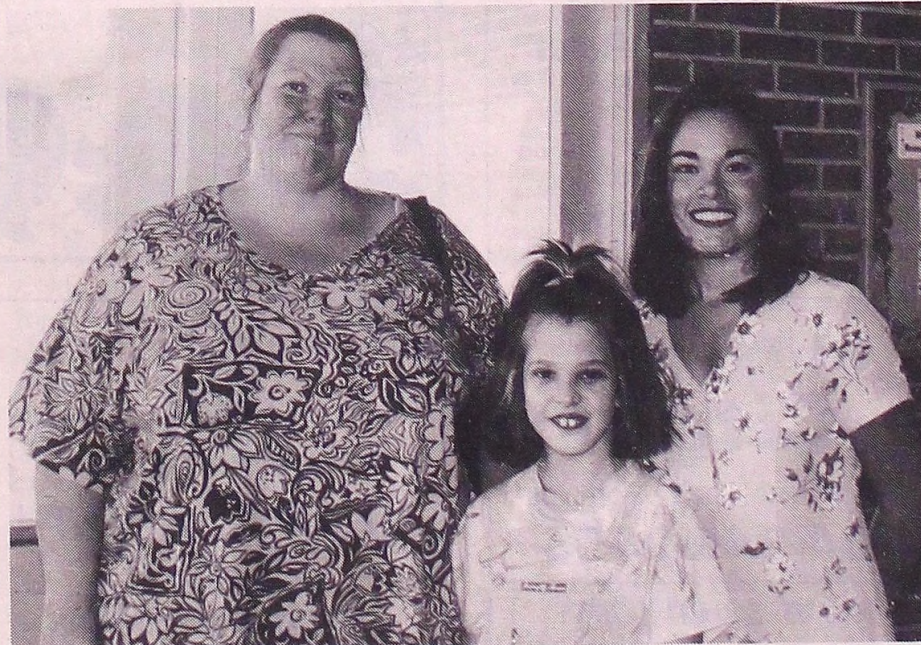
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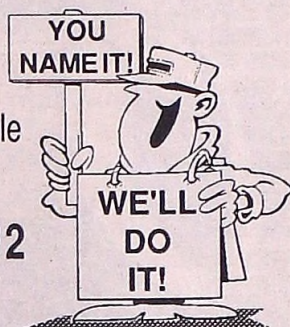
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8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration - canning contest\*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 p.m. Registration deadline - house-decorating contest\*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration - pie-baking contest\*  
categories: pumpkin, sweet potato, peach, and apple

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration - pumpkin-growing contest\*  
categories: largest, tallest, best decorated, and best carved

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration - sunflower-growing contest\*  
categories: largest face, smallest face, tallest, shortest, and most pitiful

7:30 p.m. Winners of the pumpkin-growing and sunflower-growing contests announced\*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Kiwanis pancake breakfast\*

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Romulus Senior Center's craft show

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Kiwanis/seniors fund-raiser lunches\*

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Demonstration - Romulus Police Department's K-9 Unit

12:30 p.m. Winners of the canning, pie-baking, and house-decorating contests announced\*\*

1:00 p.m. Pumpkin-rolling contest<sup>§</sup>

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. "Rockin' R Sweeties"

2:00 p.m. Seed-spitting contest<sup>§</sup>

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. "Broad Ripple"

3:00 p.m. Hay-rolling contest<sup>§</sup>

3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Excalibur / Paul Estisoy

4:00 p.m. Sack races<sup>§</sup>

5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Road rally\*  
Sponsored by Romulus Little League Baseball and Romulus High School Baseball

7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. "Channel 6"

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Kiwanis pancake breakfast\*

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Romulus Senior Center's craft show

11:00 a.m. Demonstration - Romulus Police Department's K-9 Unit

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Kiwanis/seniors fund-raiser lunches\*

12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. "Luck of the Draw" featuring Janis Leigh

12:30 p.m. Diaper derby<sup>§</sup>

1:30 p.m. Pie-eating contest<sup>§</sup>

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Performances by "Rumblin'-Thunder Cloggers" and "Romulus Rhythm Cloggers"

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. "Red Garter Band"

\*Takes place at the Romulus Recreation Center.

\*\*Takes place at the Hospitality Booth.

<sup>§</sup>Preregister at the Hospitality Booth the day of the event.

\*Preregister at the Recreation Center anytime before 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

## WW Suggests Tasteful Ways To Celebrate Pumpkin Fest

No question about it: one of the best things about the fall season is making delicious dishes using the harvest's bounty.

One traditional symbol of autumn is the pumpkin - a fruit that is more popular than ever in Romulus due to the City's annual Pumpkin Festival. Unfortunately, many people who are trying to eat a more healthy diet never consider cooking with pumpkin because it's associated with high-fat, high-calorie desserts. Thankfully, Weight Watchers has compiled a number of recipes that allow

you to prepare new versions of seasonal favorites - such as Pumpkin-Currant Bread, Crustless Honey-Cinnamon Pumpkin Pies, Country Bread, and Pumpkin Pudding - without sacrificing good eating habits or good taste. And those who like to experiment with "something different" will want to try the last recipe: Pumpkin Soup.

It's not too early to celebrate autumn. Get into the spirit of the season by enjoying one of its most traditional crops - and attending the Romulus Pumpkin Festival!

### PUMPKIN-CURRANT BREAD

(makes 12 servings)

1 cup + 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
2 tablespoons grated orange peel  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder  
1 cup canned pumpkin (no sugar added)  
3/4 cup thawed frozen egg substitute  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
3/4 cup dried currants, plumped and drained  
1 1/2 ounces walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 375°F.

In large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, orange peel, baking soda, and baking powder; set aside.

In separate large mixing bowl, combine pumpkin, egg substitute, and oil, stirring until blended. Add pumpkin mixture to flour mixture and stir until moistened. Add currants and walnuts and stir to combine.

Spray an 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" nonstick loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray and transfer batter to pan. Bake in middle of center oven rack for 50 minutes (until golden and a toothpick inserted in center comes out dry). Set pan on wire rack and let cool.

Per serving: 177 calories, 4 g protein, 7 g fat, 27 g carbohydrate, 34 mg calcium, 109 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber.

POINTS per serving: 4.

Source: *Simply Light Cooking from the Kitchens of Weight Watchers.*

### CRUSTLESS HONEY-CINNAMON PUMPKIN PIE

(makes 2 pies, six servings each)

3 cups canned pumpkin puree  
3 large eggs  
2 cups low-fat (1%) milk  
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons honey  
1/4 cup margarine, melted  
2 tablespoons vanilla extract  
4 slices reduced-calorie white bread, diced  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
3/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping (8 calories per tablespoon) for garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray two 9" deep-dish pie plates with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

In food processor, combine pumpkin, eggs, milk, honey, margarine, and vanilla; puree until blended. Add remaining ingredients; process 1 minute, stopping once to scrape sides of bowl.

Pour into pie plates. Bake until knife inserted 1 inch from center comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, cut the chilled pies into wedges. Garnish each serving with 1 tablespoon whipped topping, if desired.

Per serving: 173 calories, 5 g protein, 6 g fat, 27 g carbohydrate, 86 mg calcium, 116 mg sodium, 55 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber.

POINTS per serving: 4.

Source: *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes* (recipe submitted by Emily Doris Renner).

### COUNTRY BREAD

(makes 8 servings)

8 slices reduced-calorie whole-wheat bread, torn into pieces  
1 1/3 cups instant nonfat dry milk powder  
1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar  
1/4 cup whole-wheat flour  
2 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder  
2 cups canned pumpkin puree  
2 cups drained canned crushed pineapple (reserve 1/2 cup juice)  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Dash salt

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 13" x 9" baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

In large bowl, combine bread, milk powder, sugar, flour, and baking powder.

In medium bowl, combine remaining ingredients until well blended. Pour into bread mixture; stir until thoroughly combined. Pour mixture into pan.

Bake until golden brown and knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool in pan on rack.

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## Pumpkin Recipes from Weight Watchers

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Per serving: 257 calories, 9 g protein, 6 g fat, 46 g carbohydrate, 273 mg calcium, 331 mg sodium, 55 mg cholesterol, 4 g dietary fiber.

POINTS per serving: 5.

Source: *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes* (recipe submitted by Diane Little).

### PUMPKIN SOUP

(makes 1 serving)

2 teaspoons reduced-calorie tub margarine

1/4 cup chopped onion

2 tablespoons chopped green pepper

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 cup skim milk

1 cup canned pumpkin puree

1 teaspoon low-sodium instant chicken broth mix

1/8 teaspoon dried thyme

Chopped parsley for garnish (optional)

In small saucepan, melt margarine. Add onion and pepper; cook until soft but not brown, 4 to 5 minutes.

Whisk in flour; stir in milk, pumpkin, 1 cup water, broth mix, and thyme. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened and just boiling. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

Per serving: 262 calories, 13 g protein, 5 g fat, 44 g carbohydrate, 379 mg calcium, 220 mg sodium, 5 mg cholesterol, 5 g dietary fiber.

POINTS per serving: 5.

Source: *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes* (recipe submitted by Mary Farmer).

### PUMPKIN PUDDING

(makes 2 servings)

1 cup reduced-calorie nonfat vanilla yogurt

1/2 cup canned pumpkin puree

Granulated sugar substitute to equal

1 teaspoon sugar

1/8 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

2 tablespoons reduced-calorie whipped topping (8 calories per tablespoon)  
Ground cinnamon for garnish

In small bowl, combine all ingredients, except whipped topping and cinnamon, until blended. Spoon into 2 dessert dishes. Cover and refrigerate, or serve immediately.

To serve, place 1 tablespoon of the whipped topping on each pudding. Garnish with cinnamon.

Per serving: 80 calories, 5 g protein, 1 g fat, 15 g carbohydrate, 167 mg calcium, 76 mg sodium, 2 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber.

POINTS per serving: 1.

Source: *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes* (recipe submitted by Phyllis Weber). □

### Football

#### Middle School

- River Rouge at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 24, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ecorse at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Thurs., Oct. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Thurs., Oct. 22, 3:45 p.m.)

Coach: Don Foley.

Assistant: Tom Williams.

### Girls' Basketball

#### Middle School

- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Sept. 23, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Mon., Sept. 28, 3:45 p.m.)
- Strong (Melvindale) at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 30, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ecorse (Mon., Oct. 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Southgate II at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Best (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Wed., Oct. 14, 3:45 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Strong (Melvindale) (Mon., Oct. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ecorse at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 28, 3:45 p.m.)

Coach: Theresa Gibson.

### V/JV Golf

#### Romulus High School

- Gabriel Richard Tournament (Fri., Sept. 11, 7:45 a.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Mon., Sept. 14, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Wed., Sept. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 18, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., Sept. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti Tournament (Tue., Sept. 22, 8 a.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Wed., Sept. 23, 4 p.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Taylor Scramble at Taylor Meadows (Thurs., Oct. 1, 8 a.m.)
- Divisional Meet (Tue., Oct. 6, TBA)

Coach: Bill Knight.

### Varsity Football

#### Romulus High School

- Annapolis at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 11, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Sept. 18, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Sept. 25, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Fri., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Fri., Oct. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 16, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., Oct. 23, 7 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 30, 7 p.m.)

Coach: Mark Woodson.

Assistants: Mercer Bryson,  
Wade Cook, Shelby Johnson,  
Steve Robinson, Avery Taylor.

### JV Football

#### Romulus High School

- River Rouge at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 17, 7 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 24, 7 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 1, 7 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Thurs., Oct. 15, 7 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 22, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Thurs., Oct. 29, 7 p.m.)

Coaches: Matthew Ladach  
and John Moomaw.

### Girls' Tennis

#### Romulus High School

- Romulus at Garden City (Fri., Sept. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 14, 4 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 23, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., Sept. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Wed., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 5, 4 p.m.)
- Divisional Meet (Tue., Oct. 6, TBA)

Coach: Dan Stearn.

### V/JV Girls' Basketball

#### Romulus High School

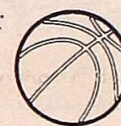
- Romulus at Thurston (Thurs., Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Thurs., Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Tue., Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Thurs., Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Tue., Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Thurs., Oct. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Tue., Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Tue., Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Tue., Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Thurs., Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Tue., Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Thurs., Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Tue., Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.)

Varsity Coach:

Ron Bayes.

JV Coach:

Laurie Berlinn.



### Boys' Cross Country

#### Romulus High School

(all home meets are held at Lower Huron Metro Park; meet by pool)

- Ypsilanti Lincoln at Romulus (Tue., Sept. 15, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston, Truman, and Willow Run at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 17, 4 p.m.)
- Monroe Invitational – Sterling State Park (Sat., Sept. 19, TBA)
- Romulus and Highland Park at Annapolis (Thurs., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Thurs., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Thurs., Oct. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti Invitational (Sat., Oct. 10, 11 a.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Thurs., Oct. 15, 4 p.m.)
- Peter Gabriel Invitational – Ann Arbor/Buhr Park (Sat., Oct. 17, 10:25 a.m.)
- Divisional Meet (Sat., Oct. 24, TBA)
- Regional Meet (Sat., Oct. 31, TBA)

Coach: Paul Mayer.

## Community Calendar

- **Rummage Sale, Fish Dinner at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) will host one of its famous fish dinners on Friday, September 11, from 4 to 7 p.m., in conjunction with its annual rummage sale, set for Friday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and (Bag Day) Saturday, September 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Parents Without Partners Hosts Fan-Tastic Dance** – Show your spirit by wearing your favorite sports team's hat, shirt, pin, etc., at a "Fan-Tastic Dance" hosted by Parents Without Partners-Downriver Chapter #369. The dance – set for Friday, September 11, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. – will be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard). An orientation for prospective members will precede the dance at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Questions may be directed to Membership Vice-President George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Fall/Winter Children's Clothing and Equipment Sale** – More than 30 sellers will participate in the Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples Club's annual fall/winter children's clothing and equipment sale, to be held at Our Lady of Loretto (Family Center) in Redford (northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly) on Saturday, September 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$1 per adult. Please note: checks are *not* accepted at this sale. Due to limited space, no strollers will be permitted.
- **Flyers Football Begins** – The Romulus Flyers – a member of the Downriver Junior Football League – will open their 1998 season on Saturday, September 12, when they play a home game against the Dearborn Heights Raiders on the field at Romulus Middle School. Game time is 1 p.m.
- **Audition for *Anything Goes*** – The Huron Civic Theatre has announced new audition dates for its fall 1998 production of the Cole Porter musical, *Anything Goes*, to be directed by Nick Beasanski, produced by Dorothy Holdren, and choreographed by Jane Beier. The auditions for this lavish musical tale of shipboard romance and intrigue, set in the early 1930s, will take place at Huron High School Auditorium (32044 West Huron River Drive, across from Michigan Memorial Cemetery, in New Boston) on Sunday, September 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Monday, September 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. Six lead roles (three for men, three for women) are available, as are parts in the large, active chorus (ages 16 to 96). No children, please. All performers should be prepared to sing and learn movement. Auditioners for lead roles should sing something from the show. Tap-dancing experience is a plus. An accompanist will be provided – no tapes, please. For more information, call the theater (734-782-5380) and leave a message, or call Sharon (734-675-4017).
- **Romulus Historical Society Meeting** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street, near the Post Office) on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Bicycle Safety/Registration Program** – Romulus Community Police Officers and the Romulus Public Library are joining together to sponsor a bicycle safety/registration program, to be held at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 26. Not only is this program free to all Romulus residents, but the first 45 to complete the course (and who have a bicycle) will be given a free bicycle helmet! For more information about this program, call Romulus Community Policing (942-6871) or the Library (942-7589).
- **Country Craft Show** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is seeking crafters interested in participating in its annual craft show, to be held during New Boston's Applefest weekend (October 3–4). Space with table (8'x5') is \$35; space alone is \$30. For more information, call Ilene Shaffer (753-4534) or the Church (753-9048).
- **Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting** – The Michigan 4-H Foundation will hold its annual membership meeting in the Michigamme Room at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, October 2. The meeting is open to all. For more information, contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.
- **Alumni Information Sought** – Romulus High School is working with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to create an alumni directory. The goal of the project is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place. To make the directory as comprehensive as possible, the current names, addresses, and phone numbers of graduates from all class years are needed. Anyone with pertinent information should either phone (800-654-4548) or FAX (800-829-4142) it to Harris Publishing, or mail it to Charlene Davenport (Publicity Coordinator, c/o Graduate Connection, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Virginia 23502).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

### Quilters Welcome!

The Romulus Recreation Department is inviting all quilters and "quilter wannabes" to drop in at the Center on Thursday evenings (beginning September 24) from 7 to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge to participate.

### Aerobics

Local residents can sign up for aerobics classes up to three times a week through a program which will be conducted by the Romulus Recreation Department beginning the week of September 14. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at Wick Elementary School, and from Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at Romulus Middle School. Cost is \$48 for one day per week, \$62 for two days, or \$78 for all three. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 11.

### Tai-Chi

An eight-week session of instruction in Tai-Chi will be held at the Romulus Recreation building on Tuesdays beginning September 15. Beginning classes will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; advanced will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$40. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 14.

### Clogging

For those who love to clog or who wish to learn, a 10-week class will be offered at the Romulus Recreation building on Mondays beginning September 14. Beginners will attend from 7 to 8 p.m.; advanced cloggers from 6 to 7 p.m. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 11. Cost is \$20.

### Tennis

A five-week session of beginning and beginning/intermediate tennis lessons for ages seven through adult will be offered at Romulus High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 15. The beginners' class will run from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by the beginning/intermediate class from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 14.

### Karate

Instructor Bob Bielas will offer classes in Isshinryu Karate at Romulus Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 15. Beginning classes are set for 6 to 7 p.m.; advanced will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for the first family member, \$55 for the second, or \$75 for the "family plan." Deadline for registration is Monday, September 14.

### Gymnastics

An eight-week gymnastics program for young children will be held at Romulus High School on Thursdays beginning September 17. Ages three and four will attend class from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; ages five through seven will go from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 16. Cost is \$50.

### After-school Soccer

All Romulus elementary students (grades four through six) are invited to register for an after-school soccer program that's being cosponsored by the City of Romulus and the Romulus Community Schools from September 15 through October 29. Practices and games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 5 p.m. at each elementary school. (Please note: Practices will be held inside on rainy days.) A cost of \$20 per child (includes a t-shirt, supervision, and transportation home) must be paid at the time of registration. Deadline for sign-up is Friday, September 11.

### Punt, Pass, and Kick

The Recreation Department's annual Punt, Pass, and Kick event will be held in the park behind the Recreation building on Saturday, September 12. Children will be divided into boys' and girls' divisions, then further divided by age group (eight and nine, 10 and 11, 12 and 13, and 14 and 15). Although there is no charge to compete in this event, preregistration is required by Friday, September 11. A birth certificate for each participant must be presented at the time of registration.

### Raggedy Ann & Andy

Children age three and up (and their parents) will have a chance to see Raggedy Ann & Andy at a special presentation at the Northville Theatre on Saturday, September 26. A cost of \$6.50 per person covers both admission and transportation to and from the Center (the van will depart at 1:30 p.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.). Deadline for registration is Friday, September 25. □

## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Bake/Rummage Sale at Whispering Willows

Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) will hold its annual bake and rummage sale in the main lobby area on Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Seniors Host Craft Show for Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival

About two dozen crafters will participate in the Romulus Senior Center's craft show, which will be held during the Romulus Pumpkin Festival (Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Refreshments will be available for sale, as well.

### Friendship Festival

With its "Friendship Festival" theme, this month's luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center – set for Friday, September 25 – will feature a variety of delicious ethnic dishes. Cost is \$6 per person. Early sign-up is recommended.

### Titanic

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Titanic*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 28. As always, refreshments will be served.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.

- **Soaring Eagle Casino**  
(Wed., Sep. 30; \$20)
- **Appalachian Adventure**  
(Tue.–Fri., Oct. 6–9; \$403)
- **Best of Branson, Missouri**  
(Mon.–Fri., Nov. 16–20; \$645)
- **Oglebay Festival of Lights**  
(Wed.–Fri., Dec. 2–4; \$288)

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

### Exercise/Toning

The Romulus Senior Center is offering a free, twice-weekly toning/stretching/exercise class on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:20 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. (Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.)

### Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

### "Bingo" Transportation Offered

The Romulus Progressive Hall, in cooperation with the City of Romulus, will continue to offer affordable (\$1.50 per evening) transportation service to any Romulus senior who wishes to attend the club's weekly bingo games, held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call either John Hadyniak (941-8968) or Bob Presler (941-2959) after 5 p.m.

### Cheryl's Offers Specials

Every Wednesday during the month of September, Cheryl's Beauté Parlour in Romulus will be offering local seniors (age 60 and over) a special price on perms. A cost of \$35 covers everything – wash, cut, perm, comb-out, and tax.

### Chore Services for Seniors

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency is now offering a chore service for senior citizens. Since the program is funded, in part, by the Senior Alliance, a donation is requested for services received. For information, call 313-843-2550 or 734-942-6852. □

## Senior "Olympians" Make City Proud



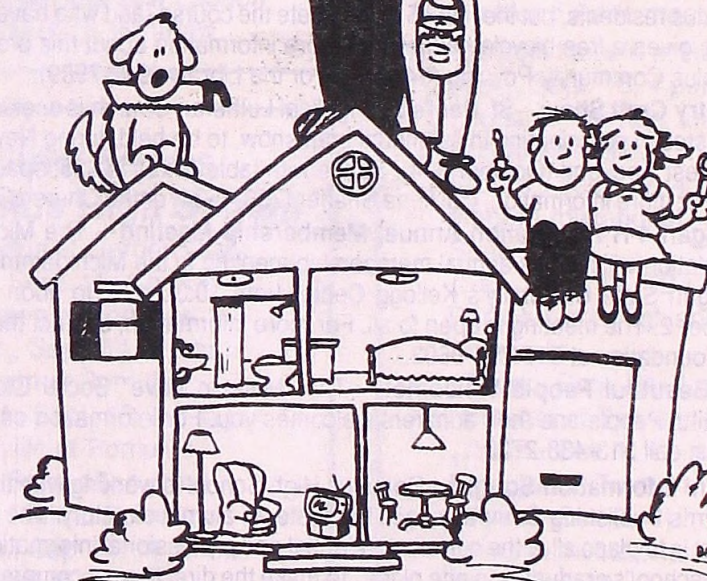
(From left) Among the seniors who represented the Romulus Senior Center last month at the annual Downriver Senior Olympics were (from left) Doll Wands, Eileen James, Margaret Maciejewski, Katie McCraight, Sandy Bell, and Dorothy Lutz.



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# Obituary

## James Richard Klassen

James Richard Klassen of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, September 3, 1998. He was 62 years old.

Born August 1, 1936, the native of Neenah, Wisconsin, was employed by Darco Division (TTX), and belonged to the Moose Club of Wayne, Michigan.

Surviving James are two daughters, Tammy (Ken) Jensen (Romulus, MI) and Roxanne Klassen (Romulus,

MI); one granddaughter, Samantha (Romulus, MI); his mother, Carola Nygren (Neenah, WI); and his former wife, Susan Klassen (Westland, MI).

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 9, with Father Jack Baker (St. Mary's Church, Wayne, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Harry J. Will Funeral Home (Wayne, MI) handled the arrangements.

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